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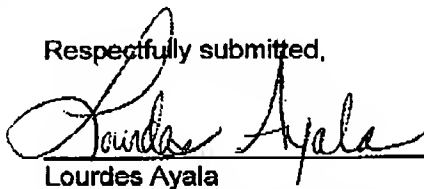
Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Reply to Decision on Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Paul Shanowski Esq., fax number (571)273-8300.

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**REPLY TO DECISION ON PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
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Sir:

The Office dismissed Applicants' PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) on the basis that the first requirement of Rule 1.137(b) had not been satisfied because Applicant did not submit a reply to the Office action. Applicants respectfully request that the Office reconsider and withdraw the dismissal and instead grant Applicants' petition as an appropriate response has been submitted pursuant to 1.137(c), namely, an extension in time in conjunction with a previously filed continuation during the extension period. The facts addressing the Office's improper dismissal are set forth below:

The above-captioned application became abandoned on April 24, 2006 for failure to respond to the non-final Office Action dated January 24, 2006.

The time available to respond to this non-Final Office action, however, was extendible for a period of three months from April 24, 2006 to July 24, 2006, with the submission of a Petition And Fee For Extension of time from April 24, 2006 to July 24, 2006. A Petition And Fee For Extension was submitted with the Petition for Revival.

On June 26, 2006, in lieu of responding to the Office action and after a discussion with the Examiner, Applicants filed a continuation of the above-captioned patent application directed to subject matter which the Examiner would not agree to examine in the above-captioned application. In particular, the Examiner indicated that certain subject matter was a separate invention and a new search would be required. See, e.g., page 2 of the Office Action of January

24, 2006 in the above-captioned application. This continuation application was filed on June 26, 2006 and was assigned serial number 11/474,593.

When Applicants filed the continuation application, the undersigned mistakenly forgot to file for an extension of time in the above-captioned application in order to obtain co-pendency of the continuation application and the above-captioned application. Accordingly, the purpose of this petition was to extend the response period for the time necessary to obtain co-pendency at the time of filing of the continuation application.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Applicants' PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) was improperly dismissed as the requirement of Rule 1.137(c) was met which states that "**c) Reply. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application.**"

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the dismissal is respectfully requested.

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